



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Assistant City Manager Bert Lumbreras

DATE: May 28, 2008

SUBJECT: Ratification of Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance between the City of Austin Fire Department and Travis County Emergency Service District # 9 – June 5, 2008 Council Agenda

This is to provide you with further information concerning a ratification RCA for the Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance between the City of Austin Fire Department and Travis County Emergency District (TCESD) # 9 which is on the June 5, 2008 Council Agenda.

Since the 1980's, the City of Austin and TCESD # 9 have entered into first responder contracts to help provide coverage for City areas which border TCESD # 9's district. In 2006, the City of Austin and TCESD #9 renewed their first responder contract into an Automatic Aid agreement which included the following areas: Woods of Westlake, Woods of Westlake Renaissance, and West Rim. The Agreement was executed on September 6, 2006 with an effective date of January 1, 2007.

Original cost was not anticipated to exceed the City Manager's spending authority and therefore the agreement was not taken to City Council for its approval. The reimbursement cost for TCESD # 9 providing service to the City of Austin areas is calculated as follows:

- AFD annually determines the total Travis County Appraisal District assessed valuation of all the service areas properties that TCESD #9 responds to in accordance with the agreement.
- The total assessed valuation is then multiplied by the TCESD # 9 tax rate (currently .08 per \$100.00) to determine the annual cost of the service. The total 2007 assessed valuation of the service area properties was \$97,409,223.00. $\$97,409,223.00 \times .0008 = \$77,927.83$.

Your approval of this ratification of an Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance between the City of Austin and TCESD # 9 enables the City to pay TCESD # 9 77,927.38 for fire protection and emergency response services provided to certain parts of the city in 2007.

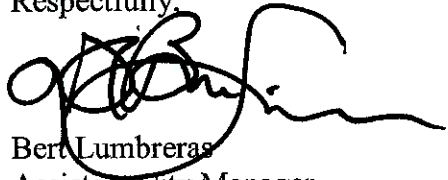
In addition, it authorizes negotiation and execution of Amendment Number 1 of the Agreement for Automatic Aid Assistance for a one year term, commencing January 1, 2008, for an annual amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. Finally, it allows for up to three one-year renewal options in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per year, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$477,927.83.

The Fire Department FY07/08 Operating Budget includes funding to compensate TCESD# 9 for service provided to the above described areas in calendar year 2007.

The Fire Department has taken measures to prevent this type of oversight in the future by incorporating into the agreement a one-year term for an annual amount not-to-exceed \$100,000.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bert Lumbreras', written over a horizontal line.

Bert Lumbreras
Assistant City Manager

Cc: Marc Ott, City Manager